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LETTER DATED 24 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning violations of the cease-fire by the Kuwaiti side, I wish to inform you of fresh Kuwaiti violations, as follows:

1. Attacks by the Kuwaiti regime on Iraqi nationals living close to the frontier strip have escalated recently. On the morning of 12 March 1992, a Kuwaiti patrol opened fire on the Iraqi national Hasan Jasim Bajay as he was working on his farm in the locality of Khurdah, Safwan district, close to the frontier, hitting him in the chest so that he was taken to hospital in a serious condition. This is not the first time that Kuwaiti patrols armed with weapons that they are not authorized to carry in the demilitarized zone have attacked unarmed Iraqi nationals working or living in the area.

2. At 0830 hours on 18 March 1992, a Kuwaiti patrol opened fire on the guard post of Umm Qasr at geographical coordinates 765265 in violation of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries.

3. At 1630 hours on 19 March 1992, a Kuwaiti patrol again opened fire on the guard post of Umm Qasr at geographical coordinates 765265, using a GC machine-gun, a weapon the possession and carrying of which is prohibited in the demilitarized zone.

The persistence of the Kuwaiti side in repeatedly carrying out such attacks is aimed at provocation and constitutes a shameful violation of all international laws and covenants.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq wishes to draw your attention to the implications of this conduct and to lodge a strong protest against these brazen attacks by the Kuwaiti side on the security of Iraq and the safety of its nationals and its frontier guard posts. The Kuwaiti side bears responsibility for the consequences of these violations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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